



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
401 West Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, California 91360

PUBLIC NOTICE EMERGENCY CLOSURE TO PROTECT SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES ECHO CLIFFS – THE GROTTO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROPERTY IN UPPER CARLISLE CANYON

The emergency closure of “The Grotto” at Echo Cliffs is required to protect sensitive natural resources damaged by recreational climbing activity. The restriction will remain in effect until further notice, or until sensitive plant species are no longer threaten.

NPS TRACT #: 102-70	APN: (Ventura County) 69401-2003
LAT. 34° 07' 30.7" N	LONG. 118° 55' 38.8" W

Climber's description: River right, north facing slope, area west or upstream of “Miss Pacman” and “Game Boy”. River left, south facing slope, area west or upstream of “Xanadu”.

By order of the Superintendent of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) and in accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the preceding restrictions are established for the proper management, protection, and public use of those portions of SMMNRA under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. The applicable regulatory text from Title 36 follows:

36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the superintendent may:
- (1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use or activity.
 - (2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity, or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity.

For more information regarding this closure, please call 805-370-2301. Your cooperation in complying with these temporary restrictions is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

David Szymanski
Superintendent

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